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PETITION TO WITHDRAW APPLICATION FROM ISSUANCE IN ACCORDANCE WITH 37 C.F.R. §1.313(a) and (c)(2)

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Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Applicant hereby petitions the Commissioner to withdraw the above-identified application from issuance in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.313(a) and (c)(2). Insofar as Applicant can determine, although the Issue Fee was paid on December 4, 2003, the above-identified application has not been accorded an issue date or a patent number.

The present petition is being filed to request consideration in a Request for Continued Examination (RCE), of an Information Disclosure Statement under 37 C.F.R. §1.97. Each item of information contained in the Information Disclosure Statement filed concurrently herewith was first cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application received after payment of the issue fee. References listed in the European Search

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Report that were previously submitted with the Information Disclosure Statements filed on June

7, 2000 and June 23, 2003 are not included.

An Information Disclosure Statement and RCE are being filed concurrently herewith.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.17(i), a check for the Petition fee of \$130.00 is attached. The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this petition and authorization is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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